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County of Los Angeles Supports State Prison Population Reduction Compromise

Given the implementation of AB109 in October 2011 which caused the shifting of the prison parolee population oversight and the incarceration of those convicted whose last offense was non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual ("N3") from the State of California to local county government, the County of Los Angeles has a vested interest in ensuring that the prison pipeline is truncated.

To this end, the County of Los Angeles supports the compromise reached by Governor Jerry Brown and the four legislative leaders to reduce the state's prison population. The compromise quite appropriately recognizes the direct correlation between robust rehabilitation programs and a decrease in recidivism. The compromise allocates more fiscal resources in support of drug, mental health and other rehabilitation programs rather than spend \$315 million to lease cells in private prisons and available county jails.

The County of Los Angeles is benefited by a shift to rehabilitate rather than send scarce public dollars to private prisons as a solution to reduce the state's prison population. The final decision, however, on whether the state can move forward with the compromise rests with a Federal three-judge panel who is overseeing the court order to reduce the state prison population by approximately 9,000 inmates by December 31, 2013. Any solutions coming forward must include ways of addressing the challenges the County is already experiencing and ensure adequate funding before the County takes on further responsibilities.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Support the Governor and four legislative leaders' compromise plan and that County Counsel file appropriate briefs in federal court that articulates the county's support of the compromise.

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